

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed May 12, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-14, and 16-17 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 11, and 16 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim Amendments**

Claims 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 are each amended to depend from independent claim 1. These claims were originally dependent from claim 2 which was previously canceled.

#### **Claims Rejections**

Claims 1, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, and 17 are allowed.

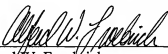
Claims 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 are each rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because these claims depend from a canceled claim. Each of these claims is now amended to depend directly from independent claim 1. In view of the amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, should now be withdrawn.

The application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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